

## Message Text

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ACTION EA-12

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FM AMEMBASSY TOKYO  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7839

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: EGEN, JA  
SUBJECT: SUNTORY REAL ESTATE PURCHASE

REF: STATE 114721

1. EMBASSY HAS CHECKED INFORMALLY WITH BOJ ABOUT THE TRANSACTION IN QUESTION. INFORMATION PROVIDED DOES NOT MAKE CLEAR PERTINENT ASPECTS OF THE TRANSACTION, E.G., LOCATION OF THE RESIDENCE AND ITS INTENDED USE. HOWEVER, BOJ CONFIRMS THAT UNDER CURRENT REGULATIONS ACQUISITION OF REAL ESTATE ABROAD BY JAPANESE RESIDENTS DOES NOT REQUIRE PRIOR APPROVAL. FOR REAL ESTATE PURCHASES ABROAD EXCEEDING 3 MIL YEN, NOTIFICATION OF THE TRANSACTION MUST BE MADE TO BOJ BUT APPROVAL IS AUTOMATIC. NOTE THAT REAL ESTATE PURCHASES ABROAD WERE FURTHER LIBERALIZED APRIL 1; HOWEVER, EVEN PRIOR TO THAT THEY WERE SUBSTANTIALLY LIBERALIZED. WE ASSUME, ALTHOUGH THIS WAS NOT STATED TO US, THAT THE BONA FIDES OF THE TRANSACTION MUST ALSO BE ESTABLISHED IN SOME WAY. ALTHOUGH WE WERE UNABLE TO PROVIDE THEM WITH ENOUGH DETAILS CONCERNING THE TRANSACTION TO ESTABLISH THIS CONFIDENTLY, BOJ SAID NEITHER ITS TOKYO OFFICE NOR ITS OSAKA OFFICE, WHERE SUNTORY HEADQUARTERS ARE LOCATED, HAD BEEN ABLE TO LOCATE ANY RECORD OF HAVING RECEIVED AN APPLICATION FOR THIS TRANSACTION.

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2. COMMENT: GIVEN THE APPARENT MISUNDERSTANDING CONCERNING THIS TRANSACTION AND IN THE ABSENCE OF INDICATION OF EFFORTS TO EXERCISE AVAILABLE MEANS OF LEGAL RECOURSE, EMBASSY BELIEVES FURTHER USG INTERVENTION IN THIS MATTER WOULD NOT BE JUSTIFIED AT THIS JUNCTURE. MANSFIELD

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